

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

Claims 52-56 have been canceled to moot the objection thereto.

The language of the other claims has been corrected to better conform to the examiner's preferences. Claim 36 has been amended by reciting the step of "manipulating" the stored data so that the objections to the reading, retrieving, and deleting steps of claims 45, 46, 48, 49, and 51 are now proper limitations of claim 36.

With respect to claim 30, the phrase "a doped layer in the glass storage disk holding the metallic ions" does refer to "the metallic ions" of claim 29. In accordance with standard English, the definite article "the" is used for a previously introduced term, while the indefinite article "a" or "an" is used when a term is first introduced.

Furthermore it is standard in English not to repeat all the modifiers used with a word in subsequent references to the same thing. For instance if one says "I live in the big blue Victorian house on Maple Street." that person is not constrained to subsequently always refer to his home as the "big blue Victorian house on Maple Street" but can simply say "my house." Thus the

reference to "the disk" or "the glass disk" in the claims here could only have been interpreted by a person familiar with English as referring to the "glass storage disk" cited earlier; nothing else would make sense. Standard English is permitted in patent claims.

Finally, it is respectfully submitted that the drafting of claims is normally the province of the patent attorney. Since the undersigned, who is a native speaker of English with a university and law-school education, has been writing and amending patent claims since 1968 for thousands of patent applications, some leeway in language should be allowed. (In this regard it is admitted that the originally filed translation was a second-rate job and some improvement of its language was in order.)

In view of the examiner's recommendation at the bottom of page 25 of the Action that the independent claims be limited by recitation of the layer of donor medium to make them allowable, the appropriate amendment has been done.

Hence the claims are allowable over the cited art. Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If only minor problems that could be corrected by means of a telephone conference stand in the way of allowance of this

case, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned to make the necessary corrections.

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